

HOOVER GIVES PRICE TABLE FOR FARMERS

WASHINGTON, April 30.—The slump in the export markets and foreign trade were blamed primarily Thursday by two of the highest government authorities on the present depression in American agriculture. Transportation problems were assigned by each as a contributing factor.

The two men who took up the farm situation from the national standpoint were Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce, and Gov. W. P. G. Harding, head of the federal reserve board. Why the farmers are harder hit than any other class due to the inequalities of readjustment is shown at a glance in the following table prepared by Secretary Hoover. Using 100 as the index—that representing the 1913 scale—commodities, labor, fuel, transportation, etc., stand in the following relative proportion today:

Farm crop prices	109
Farm meat animals	123
Wholesale index of all commodities	162
Building materials	212
House furnishings	273
Clothing	192
Fuel and light	207
Railway rates	166
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In other words, until everything else comes down to where the farmer stands today or the price of the things the farmer sells are pushed back up, he is relatively worse off as shown by the table, compared to others, than he was in 1913.

RUSH HILL.

There was a large crowd out at Sunday School Sunday. Bro. U. T. Wood preached a fine sermon Sunday night which all enjoyed. In the morning he read and explained an essay written by a very prominent man. — Last Monday and Tuesday were sure gloomy, rainy days. — The elevator at Considine & Wales store fell on account of something breaking. Mr. Charley Bradley and 23 cases of eggs were on it. Mr. Bradley was very fortunate coming out with a bad scratch on his arm. Only two or three dozen eggs were broken.—The Loyal Daughters Class of the Community Church held their regular class meeting at Mrs. Homer Anderson's Thursday. There were 19 or 20 present. We sure had a delightful meeting. The class had a chicken social Saturday night, April 30th, for the class and families. — Some time back the teenage and junior class of girls entered a contest with the boys class. The girls won so it was up to the losers to treat. So Thursday night the boys had Mr. Jim Myres hall all fired up and invited the young ladies to come. Both games and singing were enjoyed by all for awhile and then the boys passed around ice cream and cakes. All left saying they sure had a fine time. — Eighteen years ago Thursday Mr. and Mrs. Claud Lowery were united in marriage. — The young ladies of the Community Church are preparing for a big banquet in honor of their mothers to be held here May 1st. They are preparing a special program for a second Sunday in May both at Sunday school and that night. — Mrs. Dick Gray took her daughter, Edith, to the Amanda Hospital and had her tonsils removed. She stood the operation fine. They went up Thursday afternoon and returned Friday. — Mrs. Mary Campbell and baby have been visiting her mother, Mrs. Chas. Stewart. — Mrs. Geo. Baehr is cleaning house this week. — Tom Britton has bought a Ford from Wesley Knif of Laddonia. — Choir practice met at Mrs. Harry Armstrong's Friday night. — We were sure glad to hear that Mrs. Eric Williams was able to walk down town although her ankle is very weak she says it is getting along fine. — What kind of a man is that fellow in Mexico who wanted to sell his old father's body. Wonder if he has forgot who clothed and fed him when he was young? He ought to be proud to do something for him. — Mr. and Mrs. Albert Baehr and family of Benton City were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Boehr, Friday. — Josephine and Floy Mae Crockett returned home Saturday from a visit to their grandmother's Mrs. Julia Lamson of Mexico. — Mrs. Val Erdel Jr., and daughter, Anna and niece Lily Erdel were shopping in Mexico Saturday. — Loyal Daughters Class will meet at Mrs. Dan Miller's May 12th. Everyone try and come as we are going to try and organize a missionary society. Asking the Little Missionary Society as guests. — We thank Mr. White for contributing the Weekly Ledger to the Library. All welcome to come to the library and read it.

Hansen Smith, of Montgomery City was here Saturday seeing to the moving of Smith Bros. Garage equipment to Montgomery.

Mrs. R. E. Smith's daughter-in-law, Mrs. F. E. Smith, and Mrs. McAmos, both of Slater, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Smith here.

Mrs. Clayton Snook is home from a visit to Fulton.

Miss Polly Miller is home from a visit in St. Louis.

FIVE SUSPECTS HELD IN JAIL FOR BURGLARY

Bloodhounds from Moberly assisted Sheriff Chal Blum in locating three alleged robbery suspects Thursday afternoon. The men were landed after an exciting chase extending from Benton City to East Liberty Street, Mexico. They are now held pending further investigation. The men are: Fred Owens, Bill Morgan and Tom Mann.

The officers are also holding Jim Tanner and Charles Watts for alleged complicity.

When W. A. Waddington opened his garage in Benton City Thursday morning he discovered that a large quantity of tires and accessories were missing and it was evident that thieves had again visited him—the second time this year.

In order to make capture more likely he immediately phoned to Moberly for bloodhounds. H. G. Strumpfer, owner, Dana M. Wilcher and Irwin Shelton, all deputies arrived in Mexico on Wabash train No. 20 with two dogs and were immediately driven to the scene of the burglary with Sheriff Blum.

The dogs were given the trail in the garage and followed it down an alley to a point where the loot had been loaded on a truck. From here the trail led to a spot near the Burlington tracks about six miles from Mexico where a part of the loot had been hidden while another trip was made for more.

It is said that residents of Benton City told of seeing Bill Morgan, one of the alleged suspects, loafing around town Wednesday night and as the trail led back to Mexico the hounds were turned loose near a house on East Liberty Street, where he was thought to be stopping.

When hounds and officers approached the place two men fled from the rear and Strumpfer pursued them, while other officers covered the place. The men eluded him for a time by dodging about him at the brick plant and continuing west on Breckenridge Street.

W. W. Van Matre's car was standing in front of the brick plant commissary as the officer passed in pursuit of the two and he commanded it, together with several spectators as deputies. They overtook the men after a short chase, captured them and brought them to town.

In the meantime other officers surrounded the house, said to be the residence of Tom Mann, and found him within. He was also placed under arrest and locked up with Owens and Morgan. They are all held pending further investigation.

The value of the missing articles is fixed at about \$300. Although evidences were found where at least a part of the loot had been piled in a field, none of it was found there, as was first reported.

Early Friday morning Sheriff Blum arrested Charles Watts for alleged connection in the burglary. No charge has been preferred against him, but he is held as an accessory after the fact.

James Tanner was taken in custody. He confessed to having received a shotgun, that had been taken from the garage, and placing it under a bridge.

When given a severe grilling Friday morning the stories of the three were much at variance. Morgan and Owen admit being in Benton City Wednesday night, but say it was for pleasure only. They pleaded innocence of the crime itself, but admit knowledge of the facts.

Mann, who is suspected of complicity, is known to have jumped into a car, bought five gallons of gasoline and then approached the place where he had left Owen and Morgan, with a view of assisting them to escape.

The above was secured from prosecuting attorney Frank Hollingsworth.

A tip from men not under arrest led to the recovery Friday morning of considerable of the loot.

W. R. Waddington, owner of the garage in Benton City, Tom Morris, B. Waddington and Jim Ford found 14 tires scattered over a field north of town on Earl Cunningham's place, just south of Charles Shoup's woods. The property is now held as evidence.

"Sidelights on Yesterday's Robbery." The men in charge of the bloodhounds took them to Bowling Green Thursday night to work on another robbery case.

These same two bloodhounds, "Genevieve" and "Woodrow Wilson," trailed and captured chicken thieves in Kirksville that had eluded officers for six years.

"Billy" Vandeventer says that the success of Whiz specialties is now assured because many who had been heretofore uninformed, examined the pint can that was recovered.

When it comes to holding bloodhounds two of Mexico's citizens prefer to handle poodles. Thursday afternoon, when the chase after the suspects was at its height, the man in charge of the dogs asked the two Mexico men to hold them while he ran after the escaping men. All unsuspecting how big a contract they were making they took hold of the leather leashes and had no sooner secured a good grip than the dogs caught the trail and started to following the men. It was useless to try and stop them. Over railroad tracks, through brush and fences and across water holes the dogs dragged the men holding them.

At the end of the chase the dogs were just hitting their stride while the two "innocent bystanders" had their tongues out and made a solemn covenant never to be so accommodating again.

Charges have been preferred against Mrs. Morgan Mann and Mrs. Bertha Marshall for alleged complicity in the Benton City robbery. They will be arranged on a charge of receiving stolen goods.

Charles Watts, was released Saturday morning on \$500 bond.

Cleve Smith now has his headquarters at Middleton's barn. Phone 105.

ROADS OCCUPY ATTENTION OF COUNTY COURT

Conditions and improvements of highways, with special attention to the death trap under the C. & A. tracks occupied the major portion of Monday's session of the county court.

The clerk of the court received a letter from the State Highway Department asking the court and the eight mile road district to join in the petition filed before the Public Service Commission asking the C. & A. to straighten out the passage under the tracks, thereby eliminating the very dangerous curve.

Two years ago the Highway Department had filed a similar petition asking the Public Service Commission to petition the C. & A. to remove this trap. Now they are asking the court to join the eight mile road district in eliminating it.

Walker Pollock appeared before the court asking that action be delayed until he could take the matter up with Mr. Marquette, Division Superintendent. His request was granted.

The Southern Bank was given the privilege of being the county depository, they offering to pay the county 6% on the county's average daily balance. Other banks who bid were: Exchange Bank of Vandalla, 6.1%; North Missouri Trust Co., 4 1/4%.

Representatives of the Highway Department who will be here tomorrow will view, with the court, the Mexico-Paris road with a view of getting the \$1200 per mile that is provided under the McCullough-Morgan Amendment to the Hawes Law.

These representatives will also go with the court to view the road that runs south of town 7.2 miles to the Callaway line. This road is now in course of construction, but people who subscribed to the work say it is not up to expectations and are refusing to pay what they subscribed. The Highway representatives will ascertain exact conditions, with a view to remedying them, if necessary.

Goes to Washington.

The Rev. Abernathy, Baptist minister, of Kansas City, has accepted the pastorate of the Calvary Baptist church, Washington, D. C. This is the church attended by President Harding. Amos Kendall, postmaster General under Folk, and an uncle of the late S. C. Kendall, of this city, gave the ground this church was built on and donated \$20,000 toward the structure.

Pack Up Your Troubles.

The "Only Way" railroad, seeking to lure tourists to the more humid parts of the country, has announced special tourist rates to the Lake Region, effective about June 1. The reduction is on the basis of round trip tickets and permits fares of about 2 1/2 cents a mile to many northerly "watering places."

Mrs. Latney Barnes of Amarilla, Texas, is the guest of Mexico relatives.

Mrs. Sallee Wright is home from a delightful visit in the West.

Glasgow Fund Gets Good Start-- \$250,000 Given

Already a quarter of a million dollars worth of stock has been sold in the project to bridge the Missouri river at Glasgow so motor cars using the Golden Belt route, which passes through Mexico, will not have to ferry the river there.

Slater papers announce that that city will take at least \$100,000 in stock in the bridge. Fayette and other cities in that section are taking an active interest in the move and hope to have their bridge started and completed before the one proposed for Booneville is ready for use.

The bridge at Glasgow would send an unusually large amount of traffic through here as the Golden Belt is becoming more and more popular.

IN THE SEVENTH

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., April 30.—New state senatorial districts have been laid out by Gov. Arthur M. Hyde, Secretary of State Charles U. Becker and Attorney General Jesse W. Barrett to take the place of the present districts, which was laid out by Democratic state officials twenty years ago.

The new districts will stand, it was stated upon the vote for State Superintendent in 1918, twenty Republican and fourteen Democratic districts. Upon this basis, under the vote cast for president in 1916, the political aspects of the districting would be about an even break.

Seventh District.—The countries of Audrain, Boone, Callaway, Monroe and Ralls; population 100,453.

Campaign Progress is Favorable. Latest reports concerning the progress of the Presbyterian Educational Campaign for \$500,000 indicated that everything was favorable for a successful culmination of the drive. The goal has not been reached however.

The money will be used for increased endowment and new equipment for Presbyterian colleges.

Wedding in Near Future. Word has been received here that Miss Coralie Lake, daughter of L. M. Lake of Idaho Falls, Idaho and formerly of Mexico will be married in Kansas City May 27 to Victor Chedester, principal of the Marlin School. They will make their home in Kansas City.

Mrs. William Hofer, of Jefferson City, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Dallmeyer for the week end. She is Mr. Dallmeyer's sister.

PRESBYTERIANS EXCEED QUOTA IN CAMPAIGN

The Campaign for \$500,000 which the Missouri Synod of the Presbyterian Church is conducting has been highly successful as far as Mexico's part in it is concerned. The local church has passed its quota of \$14,755 the amount already subscribed in Mexico being \$15,027.30, with some yet unreported.

Local workers feel that the campaign has been wonderfully successful as most of this money was given without solicitation, all of it willingly. It is expected that the quota will be oversubscribed \$3,000.

The Mexico workers deserve all the more credit as this is the first church in the state to fill its quota.

A great deal of the success is due to the untiring efforts of Dr. A. A. Wallace the pastor. Others who deserve much credit are: Dr. J. G. Moore, district chairman, J. W. Gallaher, local chairman and C. E. Clark, who was in charge of the minute men.

The Methodist Sunday School more than maintained their lead in the contest that is going on with the Fourth Street Church of Moberly and the Fulton Methodists, when they had an attendance of 374 Sunday.

Baby Boy Dies.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Davidson died Fri. night. Burial will be made at Hickory Grove, Boone county today at 2 P. M. Many friends join the Ledger in extending sympathy to the couple.

Mrs. R. E. See is home from a visit in St. Louis.

Mrs. J. G. Lakenan is home from a visit in St. Louis.

Mrs. W. L. Kent is visiting daughter, Miss Effie Graham in Omaha.

Miss Cordie McCowan left Saturday to friends in Chicago.



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